4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of February 24 — March 2



COMMUNITY ALERT

Donate Blood!

Sat Mar 16
9am—1pm
Greater New Birth
8237 W Silver
Spring Drive

Benefitting:
Blood Center of WI
1-877-BE-A-HERO

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



"Meat Cleaver" Sequester Wrong for Wisconsin

In Wisconsin we believe it is our responsibility to design budgets that create jobs, improve education, and care for safety and health of all. And because we often rely on the federal government in Washington to achieve some of these goals, the current Budget Sequestration debate in Congress is extremely troublesome. Without Congressional action by March 1, Wisconsin and the rest of the country will see devastating cuts to education, law enforcement agencies, protections for clean air and water, job search assistance,



child care and public health. Instead of these massive cuts that will hurt Wisconsin programs, jobs, and families, we need to consider smart cuts, such as restructuring military spending at the Pentagon to face the modern world.

Mining Bill Passes Without WI Job Guarantees

Wednesday, the GOP barely mustered the votes to pass the mining bill but did so without the crucial guarantees that Wisconsinites have called for. Earlier this year, I noted the three tests that the bill must pass to be a real bill: Wisconsin jobs, training for Wisconsin citizens, and prevention of litigation through true dialogue with sovereign tribes and environmental groups. After 13 amendments to

make this bill real to pass these three tests, the GOP chose not to pass any of them. I offered two of these amendments to provide for Wisconsin jobs and training for Wisconsin workers. Republican Senator Dale Schultz and Democrats all voted to make these jobs real for Wisconsin. That is bipartisanship on jobs that this state has longed for. These amendments should have been adopted. The Assembly will vote on the bill next week.





Earn & Learn Program Open

Be A Paid Intern in the City of Milwaukee This Summer!

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Milwaukee County May Have Your Money!



Milwaukee County Treasurer Dan Dilbert is asking assistance of residents to help find owners of more than \$2 million in unclaimed funds. This money comes from financial assets such as a bank accounts that have had no activity for over one year. The Treasurer's office has the

responsibility of returning this money to the rightful owners. To find more information or see if you are entitled to unclaimed money, visit: http://county.milwaukee.gov/CountyTreasurer7712

Taylor Testifies on Joint Rules Change

Tuesday I testified before a Senate Committee on the need to change the Joint Rules of the Legislature to require fiscal estimates on criminal penalty bills. Bills that increase or decrease penalties

are not required to have these estimates. It is good fiscal responsibility to ensure that we have this information. One year of prison costs taxpayers \$30,000 per person. Hopefully, the committee will act soon on this change!



Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money"

John Ruskin



"Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land."

Aldo Leopold